calamities such as cyclone, floods, unseasonal rains etc. and not due to any negligence of staff.

Base Depots of FCI in Orissa

2842. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of base depots of FCI in Orissa for supply of foodgrains under PDS/GPD system, district-wise;

(b) whether they arc sufficient to meet the requirement;

(c) if not in which districts depots have not been opened so far;

(d) whether Government propose to open base depots in those districts;

(e) if so, the details thereof, location wise;

(f) if names of depots in which foodgrains are not supplied as per their requirements; and

(g) the steps taken by Government to supply sufficient foodgraints to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) (a) The term "base depot" is normally used in connection with the hilly States and are opened/operated in hilly States under Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme for the purpose of reimbursing the actual /ransportation cost of lifting of foodgrains by the concerned State Governments from these base depots to the declared Principal Distribution Centres.

FCI has opened the depots at various important centres in each State covering most of the Revenue Districts in the respective States with a-view to issue foodgrains/stocks against the allocations made by the Government every month under PDS.

A statement showing details of depots in Orissa is attached. *(See* below)

(b) to (e) By and large, the depots located in the State of Orissa have been found to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the allocation made to the State Government.

Out of the total 30 Revenue districts in Orissa, FCI does not have owned/hired depots in 7 Revenue districts.

Whenever any shortage of depot is felt for covering a particular area, steps are taken to open a new depot either by constructing FCI's own godown or by hiring the same for CWC/SWC and private parties.

(f) and (g) No such complaint has been received from the State Government of Orissa. FCI arrange inter/intra State/ district movement of foodgrains as per the requirement/allotment of a particular depot/district well in advance to ensure that supplies do not get disturbed for this reason.

Statement

(FIG. IN •000 TONNES)

Name of state:—ORISSA STATE

AS ON 31.12.1998

Name of the FCI District	Name of the Revenue Distt	Name of the Centre	Covered Storage Capacity			
			Owned	HIRED	Total	
1	2	3	4	5		6
Balasore	Bhadrak	Ranital.	20.00	___		20.00
-dO-	Balasore	Rupsa.	10.00	—		10.00
		Jaleswar.	5.00			5.00
		Chandbali.	—*	1.00	SG	1.00
-do--	Mayurbhanj	Badam Pahar.	10.00	—		10.00
do-	Keonjhar	Keonjhar.	5.00			5.00
		Barbil.	5.00			5.00
Berhampur	Berhampur	Jagannathpur.	14.42	0.37	SWC	14.79
		Berhampur.		0.73	CWC	0.73
-do--	Gajpati	Parlakha Mandi.	5.00	0.31	—	0.31
do-	Khandamal	Phulbani.		SWC		5.00
Bhubneswar	Khurda	Bhubneswar.	8.23	5.00	SWC	8.23
		Khurda Road.	17.00			22.00
Cuttack	Cuttak	Cuttak.	—	14.00	(2)	14.00
		(12.00 CWC + 2.00 SG)	—	27.00	SWC	27.00
		Jagatpur.				
-do--	Dhenkanal		10.00	. —	-	10.00
do-	Angul.		5.00			5.00
Titilagarh	Kalahandi	Kesinga.	13.34	7.50	SWC	20.84
		Bhawani Patna.		1.00	SWC	1.00
		Junagarh	—	0.85	SWC	0.85
-do--	Nowapara	Khairar Road.	15.00			7.50
do-	Sonespur	Dungripalli		7.50	SWC	15.00
						8.50
-do-	Bolangir.	Bolingir.	—	2.50	SWC	2.50
		Titilagarh.		4.00	SWC	4.00
		Kantabanji.		5.00	SWC	5.00
		Malmumda				
Sambalpur	Baragarh	Attabira. Nagenpalli.	8.34	0.05	SWC	8.39
		(15.00 Pvt. + 21 CWC)		1.03	SWC	1.03
				15.21	(2)	15.21
-do--	Sambalpur	Hirakud.	20.00	0.83	SWC	20.00
do-	Jharsuguda.	Balijhar	25.00			25.00
		Jharsuguda	10.00			10.00
		Durgapali				0.83
-do-	Sundargarh	Ruourkela.	12.50	—		12.50
Jaypore.	Koraput	Umerji (Jaypore)	17.50	1.42	CWC	18.92
			7.50	0.06	SWC	7.56
	Nowrangpur	Nowrangpur		0.31	SWC	0.31
		Umarkot				
-do-	Rayagada	Rayagada.	10.00 .	0.52	CWC	10.52
		Gunapur.		0.17	SWC	0.17
-do-	Malkangiri	Malkangiri.	—	1.00	SWC	1.00
		TOTAL OF ORISSA STATE:—	253.83	105.86		359.69

** S U M MARY **

Agency	Capacity	Utilisation	No. of Goodowns
FCI OWNED	253.83	36%	22
HIRED FROM	3.011	85%	2
State Govt.	14.88	86%	4
CWC S.W.Cs.	72.98	537.	20
Pvt. Parties	15.00	277.	1
TOTAL:—	359.69	417.	49

NOTE: Total number of Revenue Districts in Orissa State = 30

Total number of revenue Districts wherein FCI have storage capacity (Owned/Hired) = 23

No. of Revenue Districts wherein FCI docs not have storage capacity (Owned/Hired) = 7( )

(*) 1. Deograh.
2. Khendrapara.
3. Jagatsinghpur.
4. Puri.
5. Boudh.
6. Nayagarh.
7. Jaipur

सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा खाद्यान्नों की खरीद का लक्ष्य

2843. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया** :

श्री कपिल सिब्बल :

क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि देश में खाद्यान्नों की प्रचुर मात्रा में उत्पादन की संभावना को देखते हुए सरकारी एजेंसियों को उत्पादकों से खाद्यान्नों खरीदने की मात्रा का लक्ष्य बता दिया गया हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो आगामी महीनों में सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं की खरीद का लक्ष्य तय किया गया हैं तथा साथ ही कुल कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं की खरीद की जाएगी, और

(ग) सरकार ने इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में गेहूं के भण्डारण हेतु क्या-क्या तथा किस-किस राज्य में कितनी अतिरिक्त क्षमता का सृजन किया हैं ?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य पाल सिंह यादव) : (क) और (ख) गेहूं का उत्पादन 70.63 मिलियन टन होने की संभावना हैं । चूंकि किसानों द्वारा दिए गए गेहूं और धान की ही वसूली की जा सकती हैं इसलिए मूल्य समर्थन योजना के अधीन गेहूं और धान की वसूली पूर्णतया स्वैच्छिक स्वरूप की होती हैं । इसी प्रकार, लेवी योजना के अधीन चालव की वसूली भी मिल मालिकों द्वारा खरीदी गई धान पर निर्भर करती हैं । अतः खाद्यान्नों की वसूली के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए जाते हैं ।

तथापि, सरकारी वसूली एजेंसियों द्वारा 132 लाख टन गेहूं की वसूली की जाने की संभावना हैं ।

(ग) 28.2.1999 को स्थिति के अनुसार भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास उपलब्ध किराये की/ढकी हुई और कैप की कुल भंडारण क्षमता 23.47 मिलियन टन हैं । मैंक्रो स्तर पर भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास उपलब्ध भंडारण क्षमता पर्याप्त हैं । जब कभी अपेक्षित होता हैं, सरकारी वसूली एजेंसियां अस्थायी भंडारण भी करती हैं ।

Crash in Tomato Prices in Karnataka

2844. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article appearing in India Today of 15th March, 1999, under the caption 'Problem of Plenty—a bumper harvest makes Karnataka farmers